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Your Community News

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, ISSUE 3, YEAR IN REVIEW

The End of Year Report

Dear District 5 neighbors,

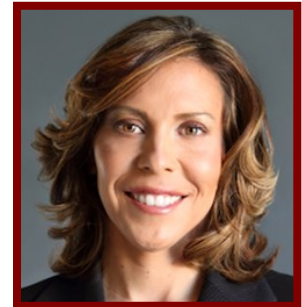
I hope that the New Year is treating you well as we enter a new age of change. Over the past year, I have made it my duty to aggressively address the present issues of our community while also developing and implementing new initiatives to move District 5 forward. In this mission, I have been blessed with the help and support of enthusiastic residents, invaluable volunteers and impassioned community activists - all of whom make the improvement of District 5 their livelihood. Make no mistake about it, it is the work of every member of our community that gives us the input and impact we need for real change. It is my belief that the perseverance in improving our neighborhoods and businesses is woven into the very fabric of our heritage and our nature.

In this issue of *The District 5 Heartbeat*, you will have the chance to review much of the progress made during my first year and a half in office. It is my conviction that the momentum gained thus far will help to increase access to and around District 5, highlighting our culturally rich history and countless offerings for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,



Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales



Pride in **5**
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Westside Historic Gateway Project

Overview

The goal of the project is to create a welcoming gateway that increases multimodal linkage opportunities for District 5 that serve as catalysts for social and economic activity in our Historic Westside. The three bridges receiving infrastructure improvements to increase linkage to the rest of the city are West Commerce, Buena Vista, and Guadalupe.

This plan entails:

- \$1 million dollars for initial study and design
- Commitment of \$10 million to begin Phase I
- These funds do not include the \$6.5 million bond project dollars already in the design phase for implementation on W. Commerce



The current view of W. Commerce from a pedestrian point of view

Beautifying Our Bridges

- Anchoring a visible and vibrant sign, similar to that of Hemisfair Park, will demarcate the beginning of the Corridor's business improvement plan and create a warm welcoming to local residents and visitors to a revitalized corridor rich and preserved with culture.
- Infrastructure improvements such as pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, improved lighting and general repairs will coalesce with unique historic architecture, seasonal decorations, and banner hooks to display community event information.



Creating Life Under Bridges

- Space under the West Commerce Bridge provides an opportunity for San Antonio to create the Largest Outdoor Mural Museum in Texas, bringing history, culture and "life under the bridge".
- Site will require street repairs, xeriscaping, planters, the removal of all parking spaces under the bridge, and multi-color lighting similar to the light installation under the East Commerce underpass.



VIA's Multimodal Transit Center will serve as central linkage for the Westside and San Antonio

Linkage Opportunities

- Improvements to the bridges and spaces will link businesses with commercial, residential, and cultural interests alike.
- VIA's Multimodal Transit Center will connect transit users from all over the city to the Westside.
- According to VIA Metropolitan Transit, District 5 has one of the highest amount of users of bus transportation.
- Guadalupe Bridge is an essential conduit to occupational and recreational opportunities and serves as the main link to the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center.



El Chicano Park - an example of what could be achieved under W. Commerce Bridge

Park Improvements

Collins Garden



Right across the street from residences, this ultra-convenient location was in need of some new additions and basic improvements. After hearing input from the community, numerous enhancements were made including:

- New pavilion
- Extended exercise trail around park
- Shade for outdoor fitness equipment
- Renovations to the tennis court



Palm Heights Park



Residing between two major thoroughfares, Councilwoman made Palm Heights one of the major park improvement projects. Frequented by numerous residents and seniors who also use the Community Center, constituents can now better utilize and enjoy:

- Improved basketball court
- Picnic area
- Gaming tables
- Parallel parking
- Signage
- Backstop, infield, and outfield for ball field
- Sound dampeners and marque for community center

Normoyle Park & Center

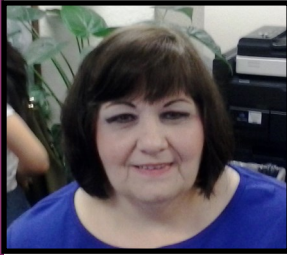
As part of a \$2,250,000 bond project, residents will see the former Normoyle Community Center transform into a 13,000 sq ft multigenerational center for both seniors and youth. The expansion of the building will offer new spaces and services for the community to use. In addition, the park will receive a wide variety of improvements including:

- Walking trail
- Benches
- Trash/Recycling receptacles
- Chain link fences
- Barbecue grills
- Basketball courts
- Improved soccer field



The Normoyle multigenerational center is expected to include a lounge, computer lab, fitness room, nurse office and more!

Boards & Commissions



Karen Speers

Animal Care Services Advisory Board

Since her retirement from CPS Energy in 2008, Speers has focused her energy on educating District 5 residents about responsible pet ownership. As a promoter of Neuter and Trap Neuter Release events, she has worked towards achieving low maintenance costs for District 5 residents. In addition to serving on the Advisory Board, Speers is highly active in her neighborhood as a board member for the Collins Garden Neighborhood Association. Speer's mission is to educate as many people as she can about coexisting with other animals in a healthier and positive world.



Robert Gonzales

Transportation Advisory Board

Robert Gonzales has been owner and manager at National Cab Company for 34 years. An advocate in the taxicab industry since 1980, Gonzales stays actively involved with the industry association and industry stakeholders. This will be his second term on the Transportation Advisory Board and has worked to improve the transportation industry by advocating and supporting strong vehicle for hire and driver regulations.



Guadalupe G. Ochoa

San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees

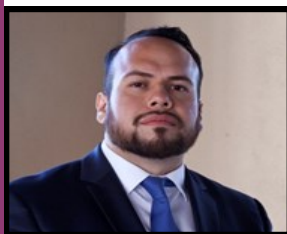
A lifetime public servant, Ochoa began her civic career immediately following her Masters of Arts degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She has worked for many nonprofits as well as holding several positions on the City, State, and National level. Having served on over 8 boards, commissions, and associations, Ochoa has the distinction of having worked in the last three decennial censuses. She now works for CentroMed as a Certified Application Counselor for the Affordable Healthcare Act and Healthcare Reform.



Julius G. Lorenzi

SA2020 Commission on Education

Currently a Special Education major at Palo Alto College, Lorenzi serves as a Youth Volunteer for the Presbyterian Church USA where he collaborates with Divine Redeemer in writing newsletters and helping with the afterschool program. He formerly interned at Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales Office, helping to address and resolve constituent concerns in District 5. Lorenzi has also had the chance to supervise a youth camp for the City's Parks & Recreation Department over the summer. He continues to work in several communities and organizations across San Antonio.



Ricardo Briones

Zoning Commission

Ricardo Briones is a local attorney and lifelong resident of District 5. He has served the community by being on the Board for San Anto Cultural Arts and currently is a volunteer for the organization. He has represented disadvantaged groups such as DREAM ACT students and UNITE HERE! Hyatt Workers. He has also been a feature speaker for several seminars such as Know Your Rights! Legal Seminar by Southwest Workers Union. He is now a Managing Partner at the Law Office of McKnight & Bravenec.

Boards & Commissions



Jovanna Lopez

SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-being

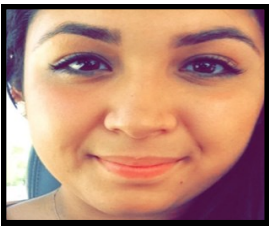
As a longtime resident and volunteer in District 5, Lopez now serves as President of the Collins Garden Neighborhood Association and actively works with the Nogalitos/Zarzamora Coalition. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree in International Marketing and Trade and Marketing from the State University of New York, she decided to serve as a mentor/tutor for Group Excellence at several Middle Schools. She now works for the Metropolitan Health District in their Neighborhood Engagement program as a Community Health Worker.



Jesus Rodriguez

Small Business Advocacy Committee

Rodriguez's professional career spans over 28 years of extensive experience in both the public and private sectors. His career includes experience in the fields of engineering analysis and design, computer technology, project and resource management, construction management, quality control and safety training. His education includes a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and holds certifications as an OSHA Trainer and a Property & Casualty Agent for the Texas Department of Insurance.



Sarah D. Tovar

San Antonio Youth Commission

As a senior at Providence High School, Tovar serves on the *San Antonio Youth Commission* for District 5. She has been an active Parishioner of St. James the Apostle Youth Group. In this field, she served as Team Leader and Assistant for the 2010-2014 summer vacation bible school for St. James. At her school, she is a member of the Central and Providence Button Band. Tovar is also enthusiastically active in the various art and cultural events taking place around Downtown San Antonio. She is set to graduate in May 2015.



Magdalena B. Alvarado

Ethics Review Board

A member and executive to over a dozen notable organizations and committees, Alvarado also retains several nominations and recognitions including *Outstanding Young Careerist* by the Mexican American Business & Professional Women's Club. Alvarado was the first Latina to accomplish numerous endeavors in the City and several counties as well as the first Latina to work as a professional Girls Scouts in San Antonio. She currently works as one of the few bilingual Healthcare Navigators for the Affordable Care Act, helping her community to access secure healthcare.

*"I am proud to say that over **3/4** of appointees are from District 5! Thank you all for your dedication to a better San Antonio!"*

Laura S. Martinez

San Antonio Housing Trust

Adriel Alvarez

San Antonio Youth Commission

Maria R. Cruz

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mark Potter

Building Standards Board

Carlos J Contreras

Brooks Development Authority

Gloria Zamora

City/County Joint Commissions on Elderly Affairs

Gloria Ramirez

San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation

Gerardo Gonzalez Noriega

Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

Susan P Powers

Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board

Analisa Gonzales

Parks and Recreation Board

Juan F Solis

Port Authority of San Antonio

Hilario Henry Garcia

City Commission on Veterans Affairs

Valeria Hernandez

Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee

Stray Animals

The D5 ACS Report

ACS Service/Activity	FY 14 (Oct 1 – Jul 31)	FY 13 (Oct 1 – Jul 31)
IMPOUNDS – Dogs	3,211	2,221
RETURN TO OWNERS – Dogs	434	199
VIOLATIONS ISSUED	1,022	710

Stray animals have been a problem in our community for many years. However, this year Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales has taken aggressive action in coordinating the efforts between Animal Control Services (ACS) and her Office to address the issue.

As the table shows above, the amount of stray dogs taken off streets in District 5 has increased over **40%** during this fiscal year alone. The number of dogs returned to their owner has **more than doubled** while the amount of issued violations has increased **over 1/3!**

Shirley Sweeps

Councilwoman Gonzales has made the pervasive issue of stray animals, particularly dangerous and infirm dogs, one of the top priorities for District 5.

Several times a month, Councilwoman personally patrols the D5 streets with Animal Control Services in search of stray dogs who may cause harm to themselves or nearby residents.

One walk through Quintana neighborhood with NA President Andy Castillo resulted in a **dozen impounded dogs, 12 owners cited and 4 dogs returned** to their owners - *all in under 2 hours!*

Councilwoman Gonzales continues to work with Animal Control Services in a combined effort to identify, address, and sweep areas in District 5 where the problem of stray dogs persists.



Councilwoman Gonzales coordinates with ACS Director Kathy Davis (right) on implementing new findings from walk



Councilwoman Gonzales speaks with residents as ACS officers prepare to impound the last dog of the day

Housing & Neighborhood Improvements

Let's Paint D-5!

With houses dating back to the 19th century, District 5 has some of the oldest housing stock in the City of San Antonio, many of which are in much need of minor and major repairs. This reality, coupled with the fact that many of our D5 residents are on fixed incomes led Councilwoman Gonzales to fight for city funds originally granted by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) towards her "Let's Paint District 5" project. The project's aim is to aid our residents with exterior façade or necessary home improvements that will serve as catalysts in spurring neighborhood revitalization and economic development.

- Secured housing rehab funds total \$750,000 for the City's 2014 fiscal year with another \$200,000 allocated each year for the next 5 years.
- Let's Paint D5 marks the first time CDBG, HOME, and General funds have all been used for housing repairs in District 5.
- Qualifying households receive a \$4,999 grant for exterior painting or a \$25,000 10 year forgivable loan for major home repairs.

Dial-A-Trailer

Understanding the associated costs and inconveniences involved in the proper disposal of bulk & brush items and their correlation towards increased illegal dumping activities, we made it a priority to ensure Dial-A-Trailer's are routinely made available each month for our residents. Dial-A-Trailers allow residents to dispose of unwanted items for free outside of their twice a year scheduled curbside pickups.

Since September, 2013 we've collected 141.11 Tons = 218,421 lbs!

Graffiti Wipeout

In 2013, District 5 led the largest volunteer graffiti abatement team in San Antonio, targeting neighborhoods from Thompson all the way to Las Palmas. We thank our **400+ volunteers** who helped to increase the quality of life and public safety of our neighborhoods by creating more walkable and inviting D5 communities!



Gardens of San Juan

The new face of public housing can be found here in District 5!

The San Antonio Housing Authority has begun to redesign their public housing stock in exciting and fresh new ways. The Gardens of San Juan will be privately managed and equipped with residential amenities, including a community room and swimming pool, similar to what one might find in privately managed complexes. The vision behind establishing this type of community is to create a sense of pride for the families by designing housing that is attractive, well maintained, and a place they can proudly call *home*.



Lending Support



The JFK Mock Trial Team

Through its Leadership Program, The YMCA of San Antonio identifies promising high school students to develop their leadership and mock trial skills by pairing them with local mentoring attorneys and having them compete in state and national competitions.

Kennedy HS has been proudly represented by a talented and dedicated group of students. In their first year of competition they placed among the top three in the state. This year, they improved upon their success winning state and advancing to nationals.



City Council Project Funds (CCPF)

City Council Project Funds enable nonprofits across San Antonio to receive financial assistance and fund their community projects/programs.

Recognizing the need for attainable funds, Councilwoman Gonzales has dispersed over **\$30,000** to community organizations who provide invaluable services to the City and its residents.



D5 Back to School Fair

Encouraging a positive return back to school, District 5 made it easy this school year for students and their families to obtain the necessary supplies in an environment of family and fun!

Partnering with over a dozen local businesses and organizations, Councilwoman was able to make this a **100%** donated event, supplying over **580** backpacks to students! Surplus supplies were distributed to St. Henry's Catholic Church, Bread of Life Church, and other organizations serving the community.



Siclovía

Siclovía is a free event that turns major city streets into a safe place for families to exercise, take fitness classes and play. The roads become temporarily car-free for about 5 hours for running, bike riding, and recreation in the streets. This past April's Siclovía route stretched for the first time into District 5, winding through Caesar Chavez, St. Mary's, Roosevelt, Mitchell and ending at Conception Park.

Doing our part, District 5 distributed healthy snack like bananas, apples and oranges to passing participants.

Economic Development

Guadalupe Street Expansion

As one of the Gateways to the Westside, Guadalupe Street is an eclectic corridor comprised of commerce, culture, and community organizations that embody the “Heart of San Antonio,”

The neighborhood based Avenida Guadalupe Association is a key organization committed to the economic transformation of the area. Advancing the exciting vision for this area and others like it is crucial in developing the overall quality of life in the District.

Councilwoman Gonzales proudly support their community goals of:

- Empowering our Community
- Developing our Commerce
- & Honoring our Culture

By collaborating with various grassroots organizations and local businesses, we are able to facilitate improvements in our public institutions, surrounding community businesses and overall quality of life for residents.



(Left to right) Local artist Andrea Caillouet and Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales unveil new VIA amenities encouraging the use of public transportation.

The Promesa Building

Erected on Guadalupe Street, the commercially developed Promesa Building leases space for local offices and community work force training. As part of Avenida's *Promesa Project* a wide spectrum of possibilities are offered that benefit the community in social, economic, and educational capacities:

- Incentive structures that invite commercial entities to contribute to the local economy
- Annual occupational training for 60-80 individuals
- Resources for job seekers to write resumes and attend workforce development classes
- Subsidiary management company serving residential and commercial real estate holdings
- Computer and financial literacy classes for residents to increase household income and self-sufficiency



Located on 1314 Guadalupe St., the Promesa Building is one of the newest commercial developments by the Avenida Guadalupe Association.

Economic Development

H-E-B Expansion

Strong and healthy neighborhoods have access to quality retail options that meet the need of their communities. Focus on first class amenities and a larger selection of healthy options will be hallmarks of the store's renovations. This is why the new Nogalitos H-E-B will be San Antonio's premiere grocery store.

List of included features of the renovated Nogalitos H-E-B

- **2-stories** consisting of **62,000 square feet**
- **Parking garage** located on the ground level
- New **pharmacy, deli, and prepared food departments**
- **Expanded** meat, produce, seafood, and general merchandise
- **"Travelators"** (widened escalators) specifically designed to **transport shoppers and their groceries** to and from the garage and 1st and 2nd levels



The 2-story building replaces the 69 year-old store, fit with 1st class features and amenities



Las Palmas Expansion

Originally built in 1969, this midcentury building was utilized until the mid 1990's as the Las Palmas Library and later as a Metro Health service center. The important and beneficial location has a long heritage of serving the needs of District 5 residents.

The space will be repurposed once more serving as a **"Welcome to Las Palmas Mall"** for customers entering from the major thoroughfares of Castroville Rd and General McMullen. The converted space will add additional jobs and retail options for consumers in the area.



Originally constructed in 1969 as the former Las Palmas Library, this midcentury building will now be converted to retail space

Mobility & Pedestrian Issues

Pedestrian Priority Zone

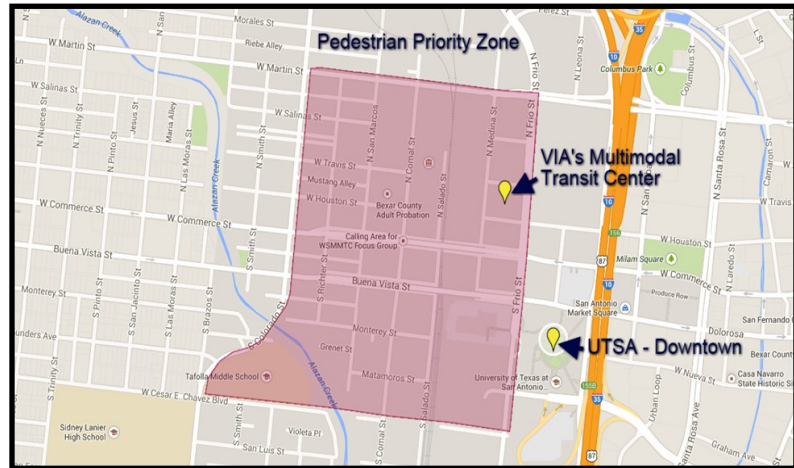
As a part of the *West Commerce Economic Corridor*, the span of the **Pedestrian Priority Zone** will cover:

- Cesar Chavez to the south
- Colorado to the West
- W. Martin to the North
- Frio to the east
- VIA Multimodal Transit Center
- UTSA Downtown Campus (western perimeter)

The pedestrian priority zone will calm traffic and increase the safety of the students, tourists and public transportation users.

The zone will also add infrastructure and traffic calming improvements that embody the *Complete Streets Ordinance* passed by City Council.

This will create an atmosphere for those living or working in the area that is conducive to walking, jogging, and biking - all the while improving the air quality of District 5!



Example of complete streets design concept

Rapid Response Strategy

Councilwoman Gonzales has made it a priority to instill a **Rapid Response Strategy** for any accidents involving pedestrians.

Your Councilwoman has set up a plan to include:

- 1) Council staff to respond within 24 - 48 hours
- 2) Make contact with the families affected ASAP
- 3) Visit site of incident for visual inspection
- 4) Notify proper departments for possible solutions

This strategy was devised to make sure every accident involving pedestrians in District 5 receives the proper attention in order to effectively resolve the traffic issue under question.

Public Safety

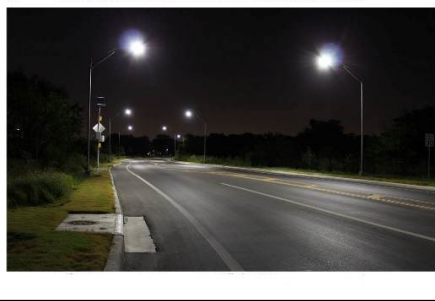
Light Up D5!

For the first time in District 5, **\$1,000,000** has been designated to “*Light Up D5*” with an additional **\$750,000** slotted for the next five years!

What does this program include?

- Increased visibility, mobility and safety of our neighborhoods
- Making sure our schools, parks, senior centers and churches are fully visible and safe
- Optimizing light around essential public institutions from **140 to 240** lumens per street light

As part of this program, we are signing up community members to become *Streetlight Captains* to identify burnt, missing or broken street light bulbs, incomplete installations, and/or dark areas that are suitable sites for possible new installations.



A comparison between HPS and LED shows the difference in light uniformity and visibility

LED Luminaires are set to replace over **20,000** high-pressure sodium (HPS) blubs after extensive investigation and experimentation with multiple LED options. The benefits of LED lights are numerous in both quality and efficiency.

Why LED Lights?

- The nature of LED provides high color rendering and small target visibility, creating a uniform lighting that clearly exposes subjects underneath
- Allows connection to the Smart Grid, a communication feature making for fast and responsive repairs/replacements
- Very low life cycle cost due to its durability, efficiency, and low maintenance requirements
- Uses **70%** less energy than HPS lamps with **100,000 hours of life**

Street Crosswalk Refresh

Due to countless calls about faded crosswalk stripes, Councilwoman Gonzales has made it a priority to restripe areas that require more visibility for safe passage.

District 5 staff works closely with Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) to ensure these areas are addressed as soon as possible.

This is part of the Councilwoman's larger vision for pedestrian friendly, highly mobile, and safe District 5 streets that will foster alternative transportation, walkability, and healthy living.

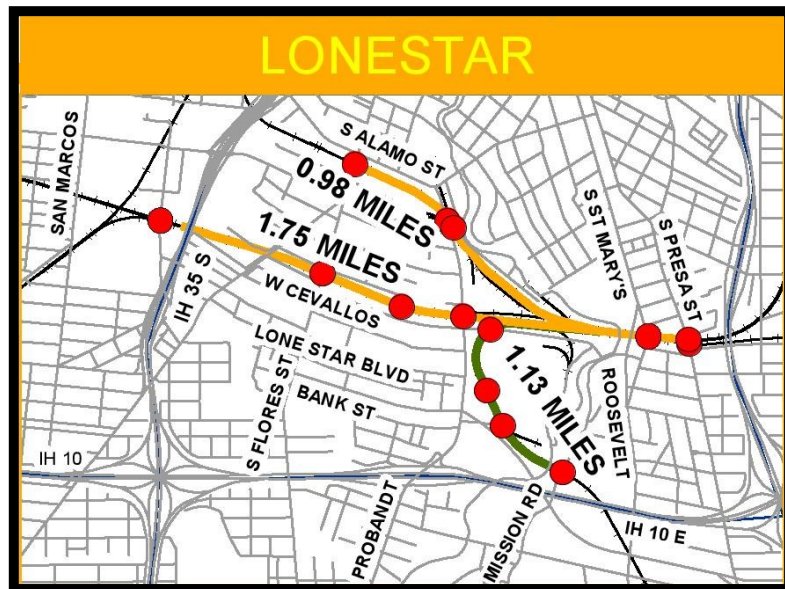


Example of a freshly painted sidewalk crossing

Quiet Zones

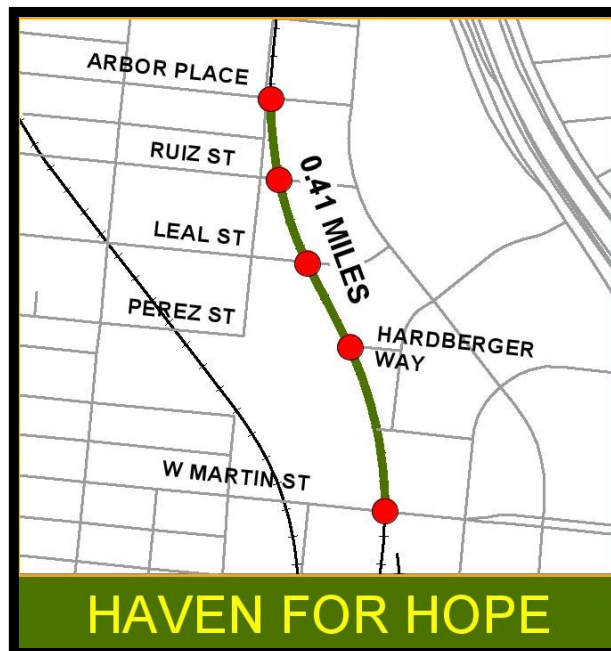
Lone Star Del Rio

- This quiet zone includes six (6) railroad crossings (S. San Marcos Street, S. Flores Street, Ellis Bean [closed], Probandt Street, S. St. Mary's Street [closed], and S. Presa Street)
 - Quiet Zone Length: Approximately 1.75 Miles
 - Construction activities took place from August 2012 to December 2012
- ⇒ Staff is waiting on FRA's approval of the waiver application submitted on May 16, 2014
- ⇒ The Notice-of-Establishment (NOE) Application will be submitted after FRA's approval



Kerrville

- This quiet zone includes nine (9) crossings (Poplar, Rivas, Peche, Delgado, Brazos, Arbor, Ruiz, Leal, and Perez)
 - Quiet Zone Length: Approximately 0.53 Miles
 - Funding Source included CDBG Funds (Estimated Budget: \$315,000)
- ⇒ Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted on April 15, 2014
- ⇒ Diagnostic Field Meeting on May 1, 2014



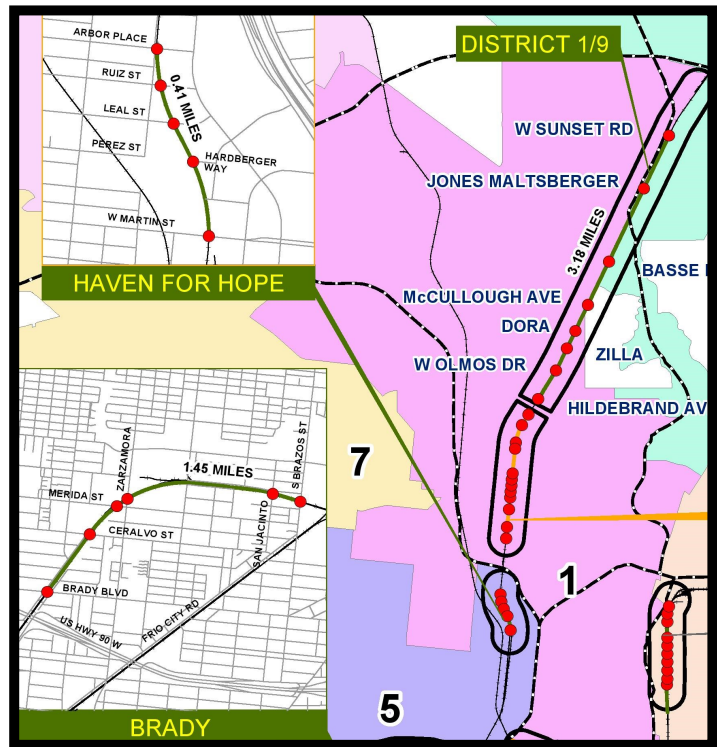
Lone Star - Kerrville

- This quiet zone includes Four (4) crossings (S. Flores, Laredo, Pecos La Trinidad and Chihuahua)
 - Quiet Zone Length: Approximately 0.50 Miles
- ⇒ Staff is coordinating with abutting property owners regarding possible Chihuahua St. closure

Quiet Zones

Austin

- This quiet zone includes seven (7) crossings (Fredericksburg [D1], Culebra [D1], Laurel [D1], Lombrano [D1], Poplar [D5], Rivas [D5], and Delgado [D5]). Four (4) crossings are located in District 1 and three (3) crossings are located in District 5
 - Quiet Zone Length: Approximately 1.38 Miles
 - General Fund (\$200,000) were re-allocated at the June 12th Council meeting
 - Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted on April 8, 2014
 - Diagnostic Field Meeting on May 1, 2014
- ⇒ Staff send a request to FRA on August 19, 2014, to evaluate three (3) railroad crossings (Culebra, Laurel and Delgado), where S San Marcos runs parallel to the railroad tracks and the railroad gate arm is on the other side of S San Marcos, which allows motorists to turn from San Marcos towards railroad tracks even if the railroad gate arm is down. FRA may require additional safety related improvements at these crossings such as converting S San Marcos (Parallel Street) to a 1-way, turn prohibition, crossing closure, or railroad gate installation.



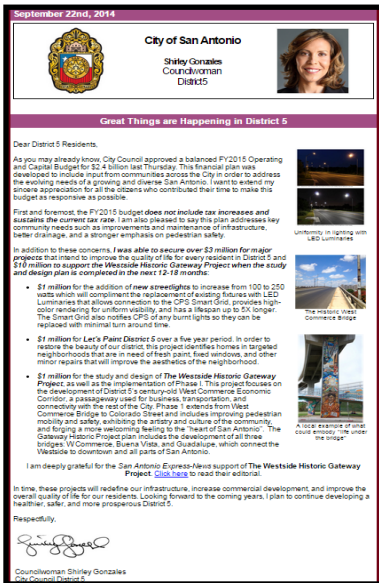
Frio City

- This quiet zone includes six (6) railroad crossings (Brazos, Pendleton, Cumberland, Drake / Academic, Harriman Pl and Zarzamora)
 - Quiet Zone Length: Approximately 1.16 Miles
 - Construction activities took place from August 2011 to October 2011
 - The Cumberland crossing upgrade Construction and Maintenance Agreement (CMA) was approved by City Council on May 17, 2012
- ⇒ Staff is waiting on FRA's approval of the waiver application submitted on March 21, 2014
- ⇒ The Notice-of-Establishment (NOE) Application will be submitted after FRA's approval



Constituent Engagement

Newsletters



Well informed citizens are a crucial component to healthy and sustainable communities. That's why we utilize two newsletters to keep residents updated on programs, events and low-cost resources offered throughout our district and the city:

Quarterly Newsletter

This publication is sent to our mailing list of residents informing those without email access about District 5 events, resources and updates on issues and policies affecting our community.

E-Newsletter

Sent each week on Fridays to more than 1,000 readers, our E-Newsletter informs the community about upcoming events, programs and available resources. With its speed, we can quickly alert our community about developments occurring within our district and the city at large.



Television



Airing as "The District 5 Heartbeat", the informative talk show hosted by Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales is a powerful way to show San Antonio all the great things happening in D5. Subject matter experts are invited on the show to share useful information with our constituents. A new edition of The District 5 Heartbeat is expected to air soon.



Neighborhood Association Network



Every month, we meet with 12 Neighborhood Associations (NAs) in District 5 in order to stay fully connected with the issues of constituents and keep them informed of programs and resources for the community.

Twice a year, Councilwoman Gonzales meets with NA Presidents to hear important concerns experienced by the community and discuss possible solutions to address these problems.

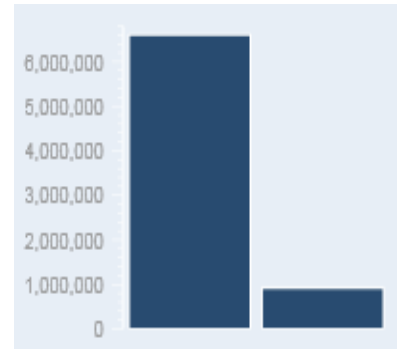


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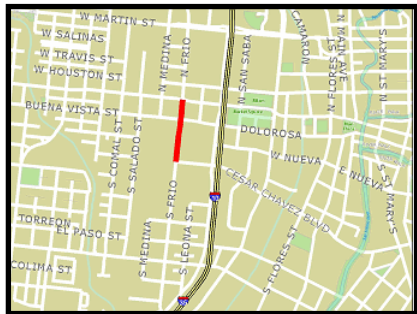


Cupples Rd

- Merida St to Castroville Rd
- Reconstruct and widen Cupples to four lanes. Curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, traffic and drainage improvements will be added as needed.
- Appropriations: **\$6,594,110**
- Status: **UNDER DESIGN**

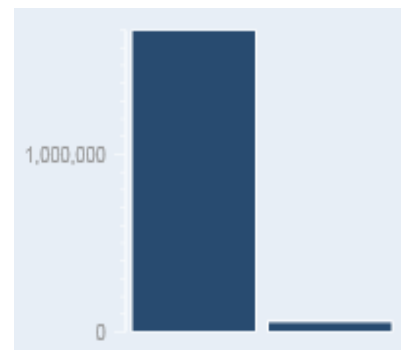


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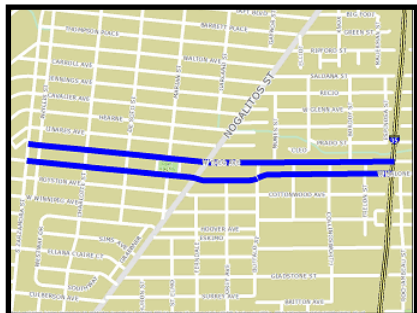


Frio St

- Commerce to Cesar Chavez
- Improve pedestrian connectivity on Frio Street between Commerce and Cesar Chavez. Aesthetic and lighting enhancements will be added as appropriate and within available funding. This project may include acquisition of necessary right of way.
- Appropriations: **\$1,700,000**
- Status: **PRE-DESIGN**

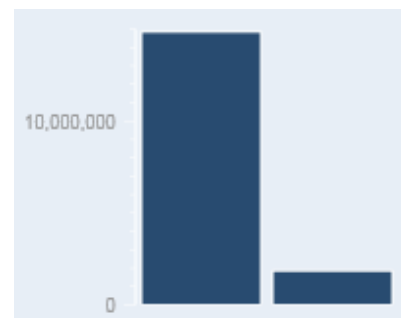


Project Appropriations and Expenditures



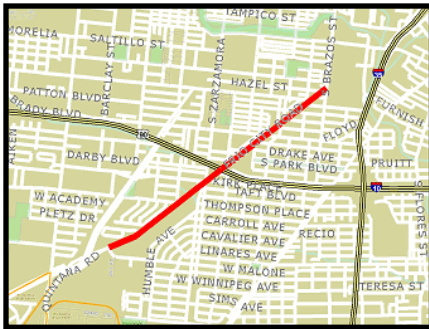
Theo & Malone

- From Zarzamora and IH-35
- Reconstruction to roadways with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, lighting, bicycle lanes, drainage and traffic improvements as needed.
- Appropriations: \$14,195,000
- Status: **UNDER DESIGN**



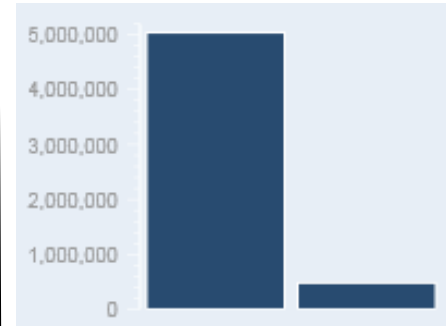
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D5 Bond Projects



Frio City Rd

- From Brazos to W. Malone
- Construction of sidewalks and curbs along Frio City as appropriate and making the necessary road improvements to support the project.
- Appropriations: **\$5,000,000**
- Status: **UNDER DESIGN**

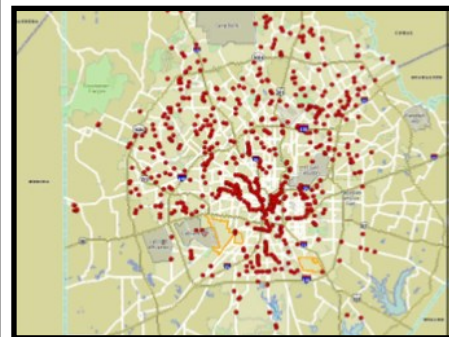


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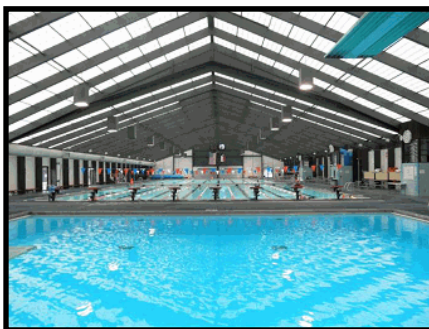


Laredo Bridge

- Part of Citywide Bridge Program
- Rehab of deficient/deteriorated bridge. City will pay costs associated with larger hydraulic capacity, right-of-way acquisition, utility adjustments, environmental due diligence and construction beyond each bridge. This project may include acquisition of necessary right-of-way.
- Appropriations: **\$1,940,000**
- Status: **PRE-DESIGN**

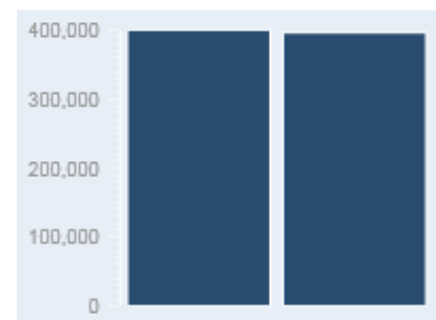


The city wide Bridge program is totaled at \$23,517,319



San Antonio Natatorium

- 1430 W. Cesar E Chavez Blvd.
- Rehabilitation of facility flooring, pool deck, roof ventilation, pool covers and facility infrastructure.
- Appropriations: **\$400,000**
- Status: **COMPLETE**



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Seniors

Festivities & Activities

In order to maximize the impact City Council funds have on the community, the City of San Antonio has changed the rules on how City Council offices can spend their money. In keeping with this spirit, we redesigned our events and activities in all areas.

Our common senior activities include:

Father & Son Luby's Breakfast

Councilwoman Gonzales enjoys celebrating her father's memory by inviting other fathers to bring their sons to breakfast. The guests are treated to a breakfast, flowers, and poem by the Councilwoman and her mom. It becomes a meaningful event for not only the Councilwoman, but for all the attendants who understand the importance of fathers in our families.



Senior Fiesta Fashion Show

Councilwoman Gonzales invites local fashion designers to outfit seniors with vibrant and festive colors for the *Annual Senior Fiesta Fashion Show*. Seniors get to strut their stuff down the runway with locally designed jewelry and clothing. Celebrity judges select winners of the *Fiesta Hat Contest* and the best dressed senior model. Councilwoman Gonzales, her son Ian, and her mother Eloise all participate in the fashion show.

Flowers & Treats For Valentine

Councilwoman Gonzales and her staff visited senior centers offering carnations, door prizes and a Valentine Cake for our seniors. In addition, all District 5 staff attends the City of San Antonio Annual Valentine Dance with the Councilwoman to provide bead necklaces to all seniors in attendance. In the midst of the fun, Councilwoman has even been known to get on the dance floor with seniors, no matter how many are dancing!



Annual Thanksgiving & Eloise Gonzales Luncheon

The Thanksgiving Luncheon is a celebration of the harvest season and the togetherness of families. This year, Eloise Gonzales has decided to celebrate her birthday with family, friends, and seniors from District 5. Neither events are paid with any city funds.

Mother & Daughter Las Mañanitas Mariachi Breakfast

Councilwoman Gonzales is the only daughter in her family of one. She takes great pride in inviting the community to share the celebration of mothers and daughters by hosting an annual breakfast at Luby's Cafeteria. The guests are treated to a breakfast, flowers, and poem by the Councilwoman and her mom.

House Bill 5

Introduction of HB 5

Texas State House Bill 5 was introduced by House Education Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock on February 6, 2013, and signed into law by Governor Rick Perry on June 10, 2014.

What is HB5?

HB 5 is the education law that establishes the foundation for high school graduation requirements and requires parental involvement in the student's decision of selecting a graduation plan. The new law replaces the 4x4 Graduation plan with the new graduation standards of the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STARR).

What it Can Mean for District 5

The impact of HB 5 can transform the economic future of District 5 students and their families. The versatility of the legislation adapts to student inclinations and provides the tools and flexibility students need to succeed in the modern economy. Recognizing the implications it can have on the community, Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales has approached District 5 school boards in promotion of its *Distinguished Level of Achievement Plan* as the default plan for our school districts. This will raise the standard of education in District 5 and the number of professionals contributing to our neighborhoods and businesses.

The New Graduation Plan Options

All eighth grade students entering the ninth grade in 2014 and beyond will be required to select a graduation plan. There are three graduation plans a student can select from:

OPTION 1:

The Foundation Plan: (22 Credits)

This graduation plan is for students who only desire a diploma. This program is also known as the *Minimum High School Program* (MHSP). However, students must meet one of the three qualification requirements: (a) Be at least 16 years of age, (b) Have completed two credits required for graduation in each subject of the foundation curriculum, and (c) Have failed to be promoted to grade 10 one or more times as determined by the school district. The student is required to have **parental approval in writing** for this plan, meet with a counselor or a school administrator, and **each party must sign a Minimum High School Program Opt-in Agreement**.

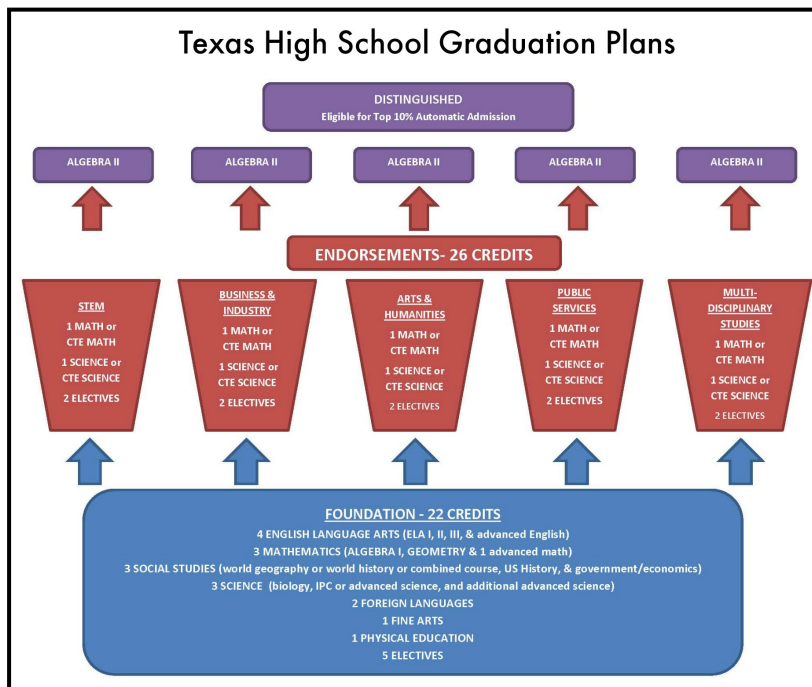
OPTION 2:

Endorsement Plans: (26 Credits)

There are five Endorsement Plans, all of which **require an additional credit of Mathematics, Science and 2 additional electives**.

A student may choose from one of the five following endorsements plans:

- (1) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics),
- (2) Business & Industry,
- (3) Public Service,
- (4) Arts & Humanities, and
- (5) Multi-Disciplinary Studies.



OPTION 3:

Distinguished Level of Achievement

This is the highest academic level a student can achieve. This academic level requires four credits in Mathematics and science and an Endorsement Plan. In this achievement level, students may be eligible for the Top 10 percentile - **automatic admission to any Texas state university**.

Holiday Season in District 5



District 5 Holiday Party

With over 300 people in attendance, the 1st Inaugural Holiday Party in District 5 was a great success. The celebration was generously hosted inside the San Martin de Porres hall where over 100 gifts were donated to children and parents alike. Residents enjoyed warm catered holiday meals as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus took photos with families. A DJ provided a soundtrack for children and parents to dance, play and eat together during this joyous occasion. Councilwoman Gonzales enjoyed the night with the company of her son Ian, husband Kevin, and hundreds of her constituents.

Tree Lightings

Spreading holiday cheer outside four community libraries across District 5, Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales made last year's Holiday Tree Lightings simple and fun for the whole family. Cookies, conversation, and hot cocoa warmed the night as we shared the holiday lights at Collins Garden, Bazan, Memorial, and Las Palmas library. Councilwoman Gonzales would like to thank the staff from each branch for their kind hand in bringing the smiles of the season to the community.



District 5 Posada

Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales recaptured the tradition of "Las Posadas" last year by hosting the 1st Annual District 5 Posada in the Collins Garden community. Hundreds of residents from across the district came to witness the reenactment of Mary and Joseph's chronicled journey to Nativity. Led by St. Henry's Catholic Church members and La Colectiva, families followed the procession to participating homes along Park Blvd where prayers and rituals were carried out by the crowd. Followers were welcomed by warm cocoa, tamales, and buñuelos.

Important Resources and Contacts

24 hr. City Hotline.....	311 or 207-6000
Utility/Rental Assistance.....	207-7830
Housing Rehabilitation.....	207-0147
Fair Housing.....	207-5910
Senior Services.....	207-7172
Childcare Services.....	230-6300
Health Department.....	207-8780
SAPD (West Substation)	207-7420
SAPD (South Substation).....	207-8191
SAFFE Office (West).....	207-0810
SAFFE Office (South)	207-8964
SAPD Non-emergency.....	207-7273
Animal Care Services.....	207-4738
Graffiti.....	207-6460
CPS Energy.....	353-2222
SAWS.....	704-7297
VIA Metro Transit.....	362-2020
United Way.....	211
Animal Resource Center	351-SPAY

Get In Touch

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San Antonio, Texas 78283	San Antonio, Texas 78225	San Antonio, Texas 78237
Phone: 210-207-7043	Phone: 210-207-0960	Phone: 210-207- 0990



Email us at: district5@sanantonio.gov

Special Thanks

"I want to thank all the volunteers and interns who gave their time to help the betterment of our communities. Your hard work and commitment to these initiatives were preserved as the foundation for future accomplishments.

Thank you for your support and thank you for your dedication to a greater District 5."

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Get Involved

Seeking Interns:

***Knowledge of Word & Excel needed**

***College students and recent grads welcome**

***5 hours+**

Seeking Volunteers:

***Must enjoy working with people from all walks of life.**

***Hours/days vary**